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PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, yesterday forenoon I asked that those that are bracketed, let me please put them on the calendar so we can have some kind of a reasonable time table. I'm certain that one more day cannot make any difference when it's to be discussed and that we print the amendment in the Journal. I guess the decision has been made, which does not detract however. If we want to unbracket it, let's wait until tomorrow and I'll build it into the calendar and we can take our time for discussion at that time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I'd like to ask Senator Kelly a question please, on his last discussion. I would like to know specifically if this amendment . . . or if this bill covers well babies or sick babies? What are you trying . . . there's a difference. There's a technical difference between the two and it's very important as to whether we're picking up only congenital defects with a sick baby that was born sick, or are we trying to pick up the situation that a babies 3 days old that might develop a sickness. Now there's a difference. There's a difference in rates. There's a difference in contract. There's a difference in terminology. I don't think the wording in the bill is clear as to what we're trying to do. I think that maybe the deliberation could bring this out. Maybe you could answer that question, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Dworak, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, definitely from all of the people that are involved in the insurance business, except Senator Dworak, we have discussed this matter for weeks on end to the point that we want to cover newborn babies, from the time of delivery forward. We have included in there words that say for congenital diseases that covers where they don't know. Whether it's a well baby, or a sick baby, or what kind of a baby it is, even whether it's a girl baby, or a boy baby. It's to cover babies when they're born, without any waiting period. Those conditions, that they're not sure whether it is caused after the baby is delivered, those are covered in this bill too. It's very plain and been completely gone over by the Insurance Department, the Insurance Committee, the insurance industry, the Nebraska Medical Association and their use of the words, the Private Insurance Carriers Association and their words. Really, Senator Dworak, I don't know what more words or more study you could do.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? The question is the Kelly amendment to unbracket . . . or the Kelly motion to unbracket LB 28. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: (mic inactivated) . . . E & R reports that we have examined and reviewed LB 152 and recommend that it be replaced on Select File as amended; LB 527 replaced on Select File as amended; LB 537 replaced on Select File as amended; LB 492 Select File as amended; LB 273 Select File as amended; LB 66 Select File as amended; LB 188 Select File as amended; LB 206 Select File; and 240 Select File. Signed, Senator Dworak, Chairman.